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**MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

August 10, 2007

Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, D.C. 20432  
Attn: Diana Wood

RE: DMR-080096; Illinois Central Railroad Company- Abandonment Exemption- in Rankin County, MS; STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

Dear Ms. Wood:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review a proposed Petition for Exemption by the Illinois Central Railroad Company to abandon 2.10 miles of railroad track located in Rankin County, Mississippi, running from Milepost 68.10 to Milepost 70.20. Based on the proposal as submitted, it appears that there will be no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands; therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed abandonment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Jana Guynes with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4118 or [jana.guynes@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:jana.guynes@dmr.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa Henriksen", is written over a horizontal line.

Willa Henriksen  
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

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